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Councilmember At Large A  
STEVE GILLETT  
Councilmember At Large B  
DANNY EARP  
Councilmember District 1  
CHUCK ENGELKEN  
Councilmember District 2



BILL BENTLEY  
Councilmember District 3  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
THOMAS GARZA  
Councilmember District 4  
JAY MARTIN  
Councilmember District 5  
NANCY OJEDA  
Councilmember District 6

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE  
JUNE 8, 2020**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 6:00 p.m., with the following in attendance:

**Councilmembers present:** Louis Rigby, Brandon Lunsford, Steve Gillett, Danny Earp, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza, Jay Martin, Nancy Ojeda

**Councilmembers absent:** None

**Council-appointed officers present:** Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary; Clark T. Askins, Assistant City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES** - The invocation was given by Minister Arthetta Hepburn of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and pledges were led by Councilperson Steve Gillett.

**3. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

a. Recognition of Neil Courtney, Employee of the Quarter [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]

**4. CITIZEN COMMENT** *(Generally limited to five minutes per person; in accordance with state law, the time may be reduced if there is a high number of speakers or other considerations.)*

Mike Patterson of Fairmont Park asked to meet with the City next week about a way to open the pool. Jami Rodriguez, Kellyn O'Brien, and Susie Smith spoke in support of opening the pool. Deborah Arrona thanked the City for approving last week's *I Can't Breathe* peaceful protest parade permit.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA** *(Approval of Consent Agenda items authorizes each to be implemented in accordance with staff recommendations provided. An item may be removed from the consent agenda and added to the Statutory Agenda for full discussion upon request by a member of the Council present at this meeting.)*

- a. Approve the minutes of the special meetings held on May 9 and May 16 and the regular meeting held on May 11, 2020. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Lockwood, Andrews, & Newnam, Inc. for engineering design services in connection with the Northside Neighborhood Drainage Improvement Project, in the amount of \$58,541.00. [Ray Mayo, Public Works Director]
- c. Award Bid #20009 Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewer Project to Vortex Companies for approximate quantities and authorize an expenditure for purchase orders in an amount not to exceed the fiscal year budget. [Ray Mayo, Public Works Director]
- d. Reject the proposals received for Request for Proposal #20504 Fleet Maintenance Software, to allow re-posting. [Ray Mayo, Public Works Director]



- e. Award Bid #20012 Annual Asphalt Overlay Project to Angel Brothers Enterprises Ltd. for approximate quantities and authorize a total expenditure for purchase orders in an amount not to not exceed \$630,000.00, as budgeted. [Ray Mayo, Public Works Director]
- f. Adopt Resolution 2020-10 accepting all of Volume 1 and the City's portion of Volume 2 of the Harris County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. [Kristin Gauthier, Emergency Management Coordinator]
- g. Adopt Resolution 2020-11 authorizing the resale of tax delinquent property described as Lot 23, Block 87, Bayfront Addition, Town of La Porte. [Shelley Wolny, Treasurer]
- h. Adopt Resolution 2020-12 authorizing the resale of tax delinquent property described as Lots 21 and 22, Block 96, of the Town of La Porte. [Shelley Wolny, Treasurer]
- i. Adopt Resolution 2020-13 authorizing the resale of tax delinquent property described as Lot 29, Block 90, of the Town of La Porte. [Shelley Wolny, Treasurer]
- j. Adopt Resolution 2020-14 authorizing the resale of tax delinquent property described as Lot 1, 2, 3 & 4, Block 83, of the Town of La Porte. [Shelley Wolny, Treasurer]
- k. Adopt Resolution 2020-15 authorizing execution and delivery of a replacement Tax Resale Deed to Zion Baptist Church for the tax resale property described as Lots 27 and 28, Block 90, Town of La Porte. [Shelley Wolny, Treasurer]

Councilperson Engelken moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

## 6. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. Adopt Resolution 2020-06 authorizing the resale of tax delinquent property described as Tract 1: Lots 1-4, Block 1132, La Porte; Tract 2: Lots 25-28, Block 1132, La Porte; Tract 3: Lots 29- 30, Block 1132, La Porte; and Tract 4: Lots 31-32, Block 1132, La Porte. [Shelley Wolny, Treasurer]

Councilperson Garza moved to approve a bid by Micah Christian to acquire a tax resale property described as Tract 1: Lots 1-4, Block 1132, La Porte; Tract 2: Lots 25-28, Block 1132, La Porte; Tract 3: Lots 29- 30, Block 1132, La Porte; and Tract 4: Lots 31-32, Block 1132, La Porte, according to the map or plat thereof filed in the Real Property Records of Harris County, Texas, Account numbers 024-199-032-0001, 024-199-032-0025, 024-199-032-0029, and 024-199-032-0031; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

- b. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a petition by land owners for disannexation of a 4.8635-acre tract of land and a 3.8135-acre tract of land, both situated in the Enoch Brinson League, Abstract 5, Harris County, Texas. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]

Councilperson Garza moved to instruct staff not to move forward with the deannexation at this time of a tract of land containing 4.8635 acres (211,856 square feet), situated in the Enoch Brinson League, Abstract 5, Harris County, Texas, being a portion of a called 13.967 acre tract of land conveyed unto Crenshaw Real Properties II Ltd. by deed recorded under County Clerk's File No. 20070706637 of the Official Public Records of Harris County, Texas and a tract of land containing 3.811 acres, being the same as a called 3.8135 acre tract as recorded in Harris County Clerk's File No. 20100329409, being located in the Enoch Brinson Survey, Abstract Number 5 Harris County, Texas; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

- c. Authorize staff to repurpose funds budgeted as the City's 25% cost-share towards the Texas Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (THMGP) and authorize staff to move forward with the Brookglen Drainage Improvements Project, Bayside Terrace Improvements Project, and F101-06-00 Pipeline Corridor Improvements Project, as recommended by the La Porte Drainage and Flooding Committee. [Ray Mayo, Public Works Director]

Councilperson Martin moved to approve the Council Drainage Committee's recommendation and authorize staff to repurpose the funds budgeted as the City's 25% cost-share (towards the HMGP



Grant) and allow staff move forward with the respective projects, as intended, despite not receiving grant funds associated with the Texas Division of Emergency Management's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); the motion was adopted, 9-0.

- d. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to provide City staff with direction for scheduling and holding of summer events. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]**

Councilperson Ojeda moved to direct the City Manager to proceed with summer activities in accordance with the staff recommendations presented; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

## **7. REPORTS**

- a. **Update on Needs Assessment for the Public Works Service Center. [Ray Mayo, Public Works Director]**

Chris Casey, an architect with Huitt-Zollars, provided a presentation on the needs assessment.

- b. **Report on the General Fund long range financial plan as updated with sales tax forecast information provided by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC). [Michael Dolby, Director of Finance]**

Mr. Dolby provided a report.

- c. **Risk Management and Safety Program Update (as requested by Councilperson Engelken). [Matt Hartleib, HR Manager]**

Mr. Hartleib shared an update.

- d. **Building Maintenance Update (as requested by Mayor Pro-tem Bentley and Councilpersons Engelken and Gillett). [Corby Alexander, City Manager; Roz Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation; and Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Mr. Weeks discussed the proposal with the Council.

- e. **Staffing Needs and Update. [Corby Alexander, City Manager; Matt Hartleib, HR Manager]**

Mr. Hartleib recounted the positions to be considered for the budget. Without objection, the Council directed the City Manager to provide information on the fire positions, but there was general support for the recommendations as presented.

- f. **Receive report on the Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting. [Councilperson Martin]**

Councilperson Martin said the Committee received updates from staff, the Harris County Flood Control District, and the City of Pasadena. He added that the Committee would meet again on July 13.

- g. **Receive report on the Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting. [Councilperson Engelken]**

Councilperson Engelken noted the Committee had reviewed purchasing card expenditures and the second quarter investment report.

## **8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

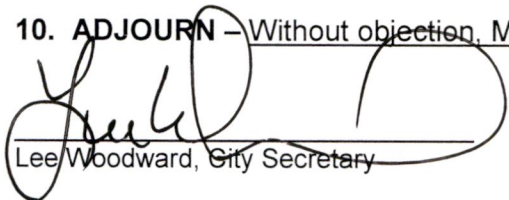
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, June 18
- City Council meeting, June 22
- City Council meeting, July 13
- City Council meeting, July 27

City Manager Corby Alexander said there were no reports.

- 9. COUNCIL COMMENT** Hear announcements concerning matters appearing on the agenda; items of community interest; and/or inquiries of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policy from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff, for which no formal action will be discussed or taken.

Councilpersons asked about the direction given to Fairmont Park West regarding the pool, urged the pool's opening for this summer, and asked that a longer term solution be determined; noted positive impressions of last week's protest parade and event and thanked the organizers, participants, staff, and area law enforcement who made it a positive and peaceful event, and also thanking Mrs. Arrona for her public comment on the same; fondly remembered former Assistant City Manager John Joerns upon his passing and offered condolences to his family; congratulated Neil Courtney on his award; recognized the staff for their informative presentations tonight; offered appreciation to departments such as Public Works, IT, and the LPPD for all they do; asked for additional Harris County Transit bus stop shelters; thanked Parks for the animal shade structure; asked Chief Deardorff to review the provisions of #8CantWait policies concerning public safety; challenged others to take time to clean out their hearts of any socially prejudicial feelings while they clean for COVID; expressed displeasure that the Memorial Day meeting was cancelled, making tonight's meeting longer; and urged increased accessibility to materials discussed at Council meetings.

- 10. ADJOURN** – Without objection, Mayor Rigby adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary